

Old Stratford Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OLD STRATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11th August 2009 at the Memorial Hall, 2 Deanshanger Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr R Whittaker (in the chair), Mrs B Bucknell, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A Pateman, Mr P Philbrick, Mr G Rogers & Mrs S Tomlinson

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 0 members of public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs P Stevenson & Dr L Ward (away), Mr B Clayton (delayed in London) & Cllr Mrs L Mobaraki (SNC) Who will be absent until November? (discussed)

2. Casual Vacancy to be filled by Co-option

3. Declaration of Acceptance

One applicant > Mr P Rezon apologies for absence (holiday) CV awaits (further notices)

4. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

None

5. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th July 2009

Minutes of the meeting held 14th July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only)

(a) Deanshanger Road complaint to NCC/Police

Minute 6(b)

NCC response with proposals including narrowing of the junction > further meeting 14th Aug @ 10am Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman, Philbrick and Rogers + clerk

Local police response previously reported awaiting formal policy document re speed enforcement

Note: N/R from NCC (conflicting reports MKC-v-NCC re River crossing) > 14th Aug Meeting

(b) Passenham Gravel Liaison Meeting

Minute 6(d)

Site Meeting held 4th August – result of canvas of Passenham residents + CEMEX position deferred Allotment land and nb > Min:7

(c) East Midlands Regional Assembly Minute 12(r)

Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation > response by 6 October

* CDR circulated for comments (Circulation file to be returned for Sept meeting)

(d) Falcon Drive

Minute 15(e)

Result of site meeting SNC Enforcement > OSPC maintenance option deferred (HSE Issues?)

(e) Disposal of Pool Tables

Minute 16(c)

Primary School says no again > E-bay?

7. Outstanding Activities (circulated with the Agenda)

Discussed and amended. 2 SIDs to be purchased / Allotment applicants to a meeting > tba

8. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item – no public present

9. District & County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mobaraki (SNC)

Apologies – E-Mail duplicating action reported at 10(c) July also noted!

(b) Cllr A Walker (NCC)

Spoke on his promotion to Champion of Scrutiny and his role. Cabinet Ex Officio. Housing growth targets and the infrastructure required. County budget was fluid? Also spoke on WNDC and SNC Interim Housing Policy and approval finally for Deanshanger BG extension

* Reminded of promise of SID funding

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Land off Deanshanger Road (34 dwellings (PO)) decision delayed – after 23 August?

(Newsletter as soon as decision is received)

11. Press Notices

None

12. Correspondence (list at meeting)

*** (a) BDO Stoy Hayward LLB**

Completion of 2008/9 Audit > notice posted – issues raised level of Fidelity Guarantee and s137 (already advised) (N/ACRE now s143 & FG level now increased after Latest Commuted Sums)

RESOLVED to adopt completion of Audit Year Ending 31 March 2009

*** (b) MK Community Transport**

Trial of New HealthConnect service. Pick-ups available in villages around the MK area on the wrong side of the boundary (such as Old Stratford) @ single door-to-door fee of £5

* Action (next newsletter September) / Shop window and nb

(c) SNC Housing Options Manager

Housing 4U Newsletter circulated for info

(d) NCC Pocket Parks

Newsletter circulated for info and new officer details noted for file

*** (e) Stony Stratford resident**

Letter re gravel extraction and change of restoration policy

* Matter for MKC / discussed > action agreed

*** (f) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Help requested on local interests which affect ‘Old Stratford’ and surrounding area > circulated

Also noted - fund raising Stanwick Lakes, Rockingham Forest 11 Sept 6.45 for 7.30pm > NFA

*** (g) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit**

West Northants Joint Core Strategy – Emergent JCS Consultation 31st July – 11th September 2009

This will shape the area for the next 20 years and beyond.

Exhibition dates SNC 12-14th August & Towcester TH 24-26th August

* Poster > nb. Details circulated Chair & V/Chair + clerk to attend after NCC site meeting 12th

(h) Northampton BC

Emerging Strategy for Central Area Action Plan > CDR circulated for info

*** (i) SNC Chairman Cllr David Aaronson**

Fund raising ideas in support of his two chosen local charities > NFA

*** (j) NCC Volunteers Coordinator**

Annual Day Conference Highway Reps Wed 9th December 2009 venue tba - depending on numbers

* Cllr Rogers attending (to confirm next meeting)

(k) Aylesbury Vale

Core Strategy submission LDF > peripheral to South Northants and West Northamptonshire Area > circulated for info

(l) SNC Finance Division

Memorial Hall & Football Ground Non Domestic Rates – full discretionary Charitable Relief claimed for both = £0.00 > File

(m) N/CALC Update

Circulated for info

*** (n) SNC Major Projects – Towcester Vale**

Presentation on Strategic Policy Matters Monday 10th August attended by Cllrs Whittaker, Pateman and the clerk

* Response agreed

13. Finance

(a) The Council to approve Running Balance budgetary control (with Agenda)

* **RESOLVED** to approve by unanimous decision.

(b) The Current State of Finance (Excluding Commuted Sums / Nationwide a/c's)

Treasurer's a/c:	£74.64
Business Call a/c:	£19,114.93
Earmarked Reserves:	£14,593.74 (includes MH income)
Available Capital	= £4,595.83

Note: Overpayment of Tax/NIC = £119.34 (Overpaid Tax = £97.19 > clerk)

Proposed by Cllr Whittaker seconded Cllr Rogers and unanimously carried for approval

(c) The Payment of outstanding accounts listed below

001642	Clerks Stipend:	£637.26
001643	Petty Cash:	£149.69 (Incl: MH Supplies + office BT repairs 50% Cos)
001644	HMRC:	£200.24 (I/Tax + Employer NIC)
001645	Cleaner:	£85.00 (MH / RG litter pick)
001646	AH Contracts:	£168.36 (Dog Bin contract)
001647	NJ Blackwell:	£1,224.64 (Mowing/maintenance)
001648	E.ON:	£89.50 (MH Electric)
001649	Shaw & Sons Ltd:	£58.00 (Cllrs Guide x 4)
001650	ACS:	£10.00 (MH Windows inside and out)
001651	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£43.93 (Repairs PL1 Hawkwell)
001652	E.ON:	£692.04 (PL Energy)
001653	N/Pagnell Construction:	£4,408.64 (MH part floor refurbishment & stage removal)
001654	Clerks Tax overpayment:	£97.19 (2008/9 Min:13(b))

(d) To Approve Investment of Commuted Sums

Deferred to the end of the meeting

14. Street Lighting

(a) Road hump sign o/s 15 Dickens drive ooo

(b) PL13 Willow Grove cowl missing

15. Highways

(a) Subsidence London Road near Oxfield Park Drive repaired (surrounds only) > to monitor

(b) Chapmans Drive Cul-de-sac sets missing/loose > awaits site visit with MGWSP Manager

(c) Mounthill Ave road closure 28th Sept > 2nd November off peak only (Puffin Xing) > nb

(d) Clerk had complained to HA new Area7 state of OS RAB > mown (A508 ATS still out)

(e) O/s 10 Dickens Drive overgrown hedge > clerk requested to deal

(f) Neighbourhood Watch signs > ordered awaits supply

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Memorial Hall floor > quotes required for remainder to be sanded and stained

(b) Deanshanger Road / Community Hall incidents after advice of 'rave'. Police E-mail read and other response > Community Safety (Cllr Pateman deals)

* Continuing nuisance for residents > Action report next meeting

17. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 8th September 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

13(d) To Approve Investment of Commuted Sums

RESOLVED Clerk/RFO delegated > Barclays (preferred bank) and seek security investment

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm